

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of enhancing the quality of data stored in a system, the method comprising:

- receiving data from a first data enterer;
- accepting data received from the first data enterer into the system if the data are entered in a format compliant with a first set of rules;
- receiving first additional data from a second data enterer, the first additional data being related to the data received from the first data enterer; and
- accepting first additional data received from the second data enterer into the system if the data are is entered in a format compliant with a second set of rules;
- comparing data accepted into the system with a third set of rules;
- detecting an inconsistency in data accepted into the system with a rule from the third set of rules;
- dispatching a report of the inconsistency to an error corrector; and
- receiving corrected data from the error corrector.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein, to comply with the second set of rules, the data must also comply with the first set of rules.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, wherein, to comply with the third set of rules, the data must also comply with the second set of rules.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, further comprising releasing the data received from the first and second data enterers and entered into the system ~~for use by a user of the system, the releasing being performed~~ before the corrected data are received from the error corrector.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, further comprising requiring that the inconsistency be corrected by the error corrector within a particular timeframe.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising reminding the error corrector to correct the data before the end of the timeframe.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, further comprising:
dispatching a particular error to a particular error corrector for correction.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
monitoring the a load of errors assigned to an error corrector; and
dispatching an additional report of inconsistency to another error corrector when the load
of errors assigned to the error corrector exceeds a threshold load.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, tangibly stored on a machine
readable medium, for enhancing the a quality of data stored in a system, the computer program
product comprising instructions for causing a processor to:

receive data from a first data enterer;
accept data received from the first data enterer into the system if the data are entered in a
format compliant with a first set of rules;
receive first additional data from a second data enterer, the first additional data being
related to the data received from the first data enterer; and
accept first additional data received from the second data enterer into the system if the
data are is entered in a format compliant with a second set of rules;
compare data accepted into the system with a third set of rules;
detect an inconsistency in data accepted into the system with a rule from the third set of
rules;
dispatch a report of the inconsistency to an error corrector; and
receive corrected data from the error corrector.

11. (Original) The computer program product of claim 10, wherein, to comply with the second set of rules, the data must also comply with the first set of rules.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 10, wherein, to comply with the third set of rules, the data must also comply with the second set of rules.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 10, wherein the computer program product further comprises instructions for causing a processor to release the data received from the first and second data enterers and entered into the system for use by a user ~~of the system, the releasing being performed~~ before the corrected data ~~are~~ is received from the error corrector.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 10, wherein the computer program product further comprises instructions for causing a processor to require that the inconsistency be corrected by the error corrector within a particular timeframe.

16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the computer program product further comprises instructions for causing a processor to remind the error corrector to correct the data before the end of the timeframe.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 10, wherein the computer program product further comprises instructions for causing a processor to dispatch a particular error to a particular error corrector for correction.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the computer program product further comprises instructions for causing a processor to:
monitor the a load of errors assigned to an error corrector; and
dispatch an additional report of inconsistency to another error corrector when the load of errors assigned to the error corrector exceeds a threshold load.

19. (New) A system for enhancing a quality of data stored in a system, the system comprising:
a data storage system;
a controller communicably coupled to the data storage system, the controller configured to:
receive data from a first data entry device;

accept the data received from the first data entry device for storage in the data storage system if the data is entered in a format compliant with a first set of rules;

receive first additional data from a second data entry device, the first additional data being related to the data received from the first data enterer;

accept first additional data received from the second data entry device for storage in the data storage system if the data are entered in a format compliant with a second set of rules;

compare the accepted data with a third set of rules;

detect an inconsistency in data stored in the data storage system with a rule from the third set of rules;

dispatch a report of the inconsistency to an error corrector; and

receive corrected data from the error corrector.

20. (New) The system of claim 19, further comprising one or more networks coupled to the data storage system and to the controller.